

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
JACKSON DIVISION

MISSISSIPPI STATE CONFERENCE OF THE  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, THOMAS PLAINTIFFS  
PLUNKETT, ROD WOULLARD, AND HOLLIS  
WATKINS, ON BEHALF OF THEMSELVES AND  
ALL OTHERS SIMILARLY SITUATED

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:11CV159TSL-EGJ-LG-MTP

HALEY BARBOUR, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY  
AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,  
JIM HOOD, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF  
MISSISSIPPI, AND DELBERT HOSEMAN, IN HIS  
OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SECRETARY OF STATE  
OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AS MEMBERS OF  
THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION DEFENDANTS  
COMMISSIONERS; THE MISSISSIPPI REPUBLICAN  
PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; THE  
MISSISSIPPI DEMOCRATIC PARTY EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE; AND CONNIE COCHRAN, IN HER  
OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE  
HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF  
ELECTION COMMISSIONERS, ON BEHALF OF  
HERSELF AND ALL OTHERS SIMILARLY SITUATED  
AND

DEFENDANTS

APPORTIONMENT AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE  
OF THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

INTERVENORS

ORDER AND NOTICE

It is hereby ordered that the separate motions to intervene  
filed by the Mississippi State Senate Democratic Caucus and State  
Democratic Senators in their Individual Capacities, and by Terry  
C. Burton are granted, for essentially the reasons set forth by  
Judge Carlton Reeves in his April 1, 2011 order granting the

motion to intervene filed by the Mississippi House of Representatives Apportionment and Elections Committee.

Further, the parties are hereby given notice that at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 22, 2011, a status conference will be held before the three-judge panel in Judge Lee's courtroom. The parties should be prepared to discuss all matters relating to this case, including:

- (1) the factual background;
- (2) the constitutional issues presented;
- (3) the specific remedy that the plaintiffs seek;
- (4) whether the case is ripe for decision, see Miss. Const. Art. 13, § 254;
- (5) whether the respective plans adopted by the Mississippi House of Representatives and Senate during the regular 2011 session satisfy the one person, one vote principle;
- (6) the specific basis for any objections that the respective parties have to adopting the plans adopted by the House of Representatives and Senate during the 2011 session as the interim remedy for the 2011 elections;
- (7) the specific basis for any claims of racial discrimination or dilution; and
- (8) whether an evidentiary hearing is required and, if so, what evidence would be presented at such hearing, and what the respective parties would hope to establish at such hearing.

The parties should be familiar with all of the facts and the law that applies to and governs their positions or claims. Further, the parties should be prepared to provide the court with guidance in narrowing the issues and claims to their bare essence.

This 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

/s/ Tom S. Lee

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE